

# HISTORY EXCURSIONS AT THE MICHIGAN HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Fall 2007 – Spring 2008



## TEACHER-LED MUSEUM VISITS

Classes have an opportunity to explore the museum galleries, try hands-on activities, take in films, and discuss Michigan history with a variety of docents and costumed interpreters. Teacher-led group visits are FREE and can be booked a year in advance through the **CAPITOL TOUR SERVICE**, (517) 373-2353. Time slots are limited and fill quickly.

## HISTORY EXCURSIONS and EXTENDED EXPERIENCES

**\$2 per child (\$30 minimum), maximum 30 students per class**

Interested in more than the typical field trip for your group? Young children and students of Michigan history often benefit from visits that concentrate on one part of the exhibits, or a few selected galleries. Some teachers want their students to have a more comprehensive program. These specialized programs range from 90 minutes to three hours and incorporate hands-on elements. They were developed to support state curriculum guidelines and meet MEAP standards.



## BOOKING

**Our programs can accommodate a maximum of 30 students per class.**

Call (517) 241-0708 to reserve a date and time for your class to visit the museum and plan your excursion. Payment must be received at least 30 days in advance.

## EXTENDED EXPERIENCES

### Grades 4 through 12 – 2-3 hours

A guided tour, custom-tailored to meet the interests and needs of you and your students. An assigned docent will work with you to plan a tour that emphasizes the time periods you want your students to study – from Michigan's prehistoric times to 1975.

### Michigan: The Arsenal of Democracy

#### Grades 4 through 12 – 1 1/2 hours

Thousands of Michigan citizens participated in World War II, both at home and abroad. Meet the men, women and children who lived through the war years and helped to make Michigan the Arsenal of Democracy.

### Michigan's First People

#### Grades 4 through 8 – 1 1/2 hours

Discover our state's early inhabitants and the important contributions Native Americans have made. Create a pot in traditional style.

### Tall Pines and Shanty Boys

#### Grades 4 through 8 – 1 1/2 hours

Explore life in the lumber camp as you learn how "green gold" changed Michigan's history and economy. Learn "loggers lingo" and find products made from trees!

### **Movers & Seekers: The Stories of Michigan's Immigrants**

**Grades 4 through 12 – 1 1/2 hours**

Why would someone leave their home to move to a new place? What did they bring? What was left behind? What attracted people to settle in Michigan? Students will “pack a bag” and learn about Michigan’s cultural heritage through the stories of its immigrants.

### **Always in the Dark**

**Grades 4 through 8 – 1 1/2 hours**

Dig into Michigan’s mining heritage. Discover what it was like to work in the early copper and iron mines of the Upper Peninsula. Try your hand at “cookie mining.”

### **Three Centuries of African American History**

**Grades 4 through 12 – 1 1/2 hours**

A spell-binding journey through the history of African Americans in Michigan’s history. From the early fur trade to the 21<sup>st</sup> century, this program will highlight inventors, businessmen, statesmen and entertainers who were significant in creating our state’s rich past.

### **From Furs to Frying Pans**

**Grades 5 through 8 – 1 1/2 hours**

Travel through time and delve into the concept of trade from the 17<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Explore the ups and downs of Michigan’s money matters – from beaver pelts to the B-24 and beyond.

### **Grandma’s Memories**

**Preschool through Kindergarten – 1 1/2 hours**

Enjoy some special stories and explore Grandma’s trunk. Each object holds memories of times past.

### **Growing Up in Michigan**

**Grades 1 through 3 – 1 1/2 hours**

Card wool, clean a rug, haul “water” and much more as you learn what it was like to grow up on a farm in rural Michigan. Discover the similarities and differences in the life of a child today and that of a 19<sup>th</sup>-century child.

### **Butcher, Baker, Candlestick**

#### **Maker – My Community Then and Now**

**Grades 2 through 3 – 1 1/2 hours**

Meet the people who work in our community now and those that played important roles in communities of the past. What tools do they use to get things done? How have jobs and communities changed?





# CREATE-A-CRAFT

\$3 per child (\$50.00 minimum), maximum 30 students, 1 hour

## Old Time Toys and Games All ages.

What did children do before TV, DVDs and video games? Play with wooden toys, learn traditional games and make a toy to take home.

## A Candle In the Window 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade and Up

What is a “Betty lamp?” When did oil lamps come into use? What types of waxes were available to Michigan’s settlers? Create a pair of traditional beeswax candles as you learn about early lighting.

## The Art of the Tinsmith 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade and Up

Who was the tinsmith? What did he make? Learn about the art of the tinsmith and create a tin punch picture to take home.

## Trade Beads 1st grade and up

European trade beads were valued by Michigan’s Native Americans. Learn how they were made and create your own trade beads and necklace.

## The Warp & Weft – Learn to Weave

### 1<sup>st</sup> grade and up

In this mechanized and computerized world, cloth and clothing are quickly created. Where did Michigan’s early settlers get their cloth? Learn the history and skills of weaving as you help create a museum wall hanging. Make a simple loom to take home.



## OTHER PROGRAMS

### The BIG History Lesson

#### Grades 3 through 5

This weeklong adventure provides teachers and students the opportunity to use the Michigan Historical Museum as a classroom for an in-depth study of Michigan history. Teachers participate in a summer training session to plan their BIG History Lesson week. For applications for the 2008-2009 school year, go to [www.michigan.gov/bighistory](http://www.michigan.gov/bighistory). For more information, contact Laurie Perkins at (517) 241-0731 or [perkinsL1@michigan.gov](mailto:perkinsL1@michigan.gov).

### Future Historians

#### Ages 9 through 15

Be a history detective by joining the Future Historians Club, an after-school program sponsored by the Michigan Historical Museum. This very hands-on program is designed around each child’s interest in history. Topics change with each twice-monthly meeting. Students learn to be history detectives by conducting oral interviews, reading primary documents and exploring the museum’s exhibits. Program runs from October 2007 through May 2008. For more information, contact Laurie Perkins at (517) 241-0731 or [PerkinsL1@michigan.gov](mailto:PerkinsL1@michigan.gov).

## National History Day in Michigan

### Grades 4 through 12

The Michigan Historical Museum supports and promotes Michigan History Day, sponsored by the Historical Society of Michigan. The museum hosts a National History Day district competition in March each year. Students compete in a variety of historical categories with original papers, performances, documentaries and displays. The theme for 2008 is *Conflict & Compromise in History*. For more information contact David Bridgens at (517) 241-0594 or [bridgensd@michigan.gov](mailto:bridgensd@michigan.gov).

### Online Excursions

[www.michigan.gov/teachingmihistory](http://www.michigan.gov/teachingmihistory)

Lesson plans and student activities correlated with museum exhibits provide pre-visit and post-visit study material. Objectives relate to Michigan Social Studies Standards.

## SPECIAL EXHIBIT

*A Hunting We Will Go – August 4, 2007 - January 15, 2008*

This exhibit tells the story of deer hunting in Michigan, with a brief glimpse at its beginnings and an emphasis on the period from the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century to today.

### PARKING

On weekdays, bus parking is free and automobile parking is 75 cents per hour. Weekend parking is free. Parking fees may be paid at the Welcome Center.

### MUSEUM LOCATION

The Michigan Historical Museum is located in the Michigan Library and Historical Center, two blocks west of the State Capitol at 702 West Kalamazoo St., Lansing, Michigan. The visitor parking lot entrance is located off Kalamazoo St., east of M.L. King, Jr. Boulevard.

